

SALINA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
---MEETING MINUTES---
Meeting Room 105
January 10, 2006

Commissioners Present

Brenda Faram	Richard Frye
Sharon Kibbe	Jan Mendell
Allen Smith	Gina McDonald

Commissioners Absent

Maribel Panuco	Arthur Jordan
Sid Gray	

Staff Present

Kaye Crawford, Director
Dina Giron, Human Relations Specialist
Sandra Beverly, Equal Opportunity Specialist

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

The Meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chairwoman Gina McDonald.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairwoman McDonald requested approval of the Agenda as written. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Jan Mendell and seconded by Richard Frye. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Sharon Kibbe moved to approve the minutes for the December meeting. Richard Frye seconded. The full Commission carried the motion to approve the December minutes as written.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Crawford announced that the only report she had was that Commissioner Smith was nominated for a Community Service award and would receive that award at the State Capitol from Governor Sebelius on January 12, 2006, and indicated that she would travel to Topeka to watch Commissioner Smith receive his award. The award was not only for community service but also for his work on the Racial Profiling Taskforce. Crawford also pointed out to the Commission that a letter had been received from Mr. Tutman, a Ft. Riley soldier, who thanked Commissioner Smith and the director for their assistance. Jan Mendell congratulated the director and staff for the letter in their files from Robbie Herndon which was very complimentary to the agency. The letter thanked the agency for their work and assistance in getting a soldier into housing at Ft. Riley. The soldier and his family had been homeless.

NEW BUSINESS:

Special Information

Legislative Report - Commissioner Smith thanked Crawford for advising the commission of his award and further announced that he would continue to work with Chief Hill to better relations. He also stated that the local police would need to set up an advisory board to meet the requirements of the Racial Profiling law. He also reported that 2-3

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positions had been added to the State Human Rights Commission staff to process these complaints. He stated that he knew there was dissatisfaction with the KHRC and he was going to keep abreast of what they are doing.

League of Women Voters – Jan Mendell and Gina McDonald explained the study that is going on to get information out to the public about consolidation.

Training

Sandra Beverly gave the commission an overview of her job as investigator. She went over the prima facie elements and investigative plan. There were some questions regarding the investigative files and why it was necessary to go beyond the allegation. Sandra explained that it is easy to get side-tracked on an investigation and she has to keep reminding herself to look back at the allegation.

Committee Reports

Jan Mendell made motion to table the Committee Reports. Richard Frye seconded the motion and the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission went into Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the docket. Commission commenced regular session at 7:10.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Gina McDonald, Chairwoman

Kaye J. Crawford, Secretary